THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Bilateral trade figures in relation to the province of a country are not maintained.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Confederation of Indian Industry (Cll) have reported that some Indian manufacturing companies like Jyoti Structure Ltd., Tata Steel, Brakes India etc. have shown interest in Quebec.

(e) Some of the steps taken to boost bilateral trade between India and Canada *inter-alia* include the promotion of sector, event and investment specific visits of Canadian delegations to India, conducting market surveys on products of interest to our exporters, facilitating our trade promotion bodies to arrange buyer-seller meets and participate in trade fairs/exhibitions in Canada etc.

AEZ for Grapes in Karnataka

1638. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has requested sanction of Agri-Export Zone (AEZ) for Grapes involving a financial implication of Rs. 1875.00 lakhs; and

(b) if so, what is the present position of above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) A proposal for setting up of an Agri-Export Zone (AEZ) for grapes involving a financial implication of Rs. 22.07 crores has been received from the Karnataka Government.

(b) A peer evaluation of the performance of the existing AEZs, with a view to ascertain the reasons for shortfall in achievement of targets and suggest remedial action, has been undertaken. Setting up of new AEZs would be considered after the evaluation is complete.